

Jericho Conservation Commission
May 25th, 2016 Meeting
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Josh Benes, Ann Kroll-Lerner, Brian Swisher, Laura Vallett, Tom Baribault (Chair)

Guest: Peter Gray

Minutes from April were briefly discussed and a couple of revisions noted.

For upcoming DRB hearings, we began by discussing the letter Brian drafted regarding the Raceway Road PUD. We discussed the points of concern addressed in the letter including the request for the river district overlay to be included on the plan, potential development within the 50' wetland buffer, stormwater controls and plans for common land management. These points were discussed in detail and revisions to the letter were suggested. All present were in agreement that Brian should incorporate the changes and provide the letter to the DRB prior to the hearing.

Tom informed us that we are still waiting to hear from Katherine Sonnick regarding the review of our Natural Resources Overlay regulations by the Planning Commission.

Another option for a source of rock for the Tribute Bench to Phyllis Gray was presented by Peter Gray. He noted there were a couple of stones on the Mobbs Farm property that appeared to be the right size and shape for the proposed bench. If we wish to move forward with a choice of stone, we still need to provide the specifications such as size of the rock and depth of the foundation as well as a timeline (when known) to the Mobbs Committee.

We have dates set for two of the Natural Places of Jericho events. The first event will be a river walk with Gretchen Alexander on June 25th. The second event will be July 16th with Stephen Wright for a tour of glacial geology in our town. We continued brainstorming some ideas for an August event, including a railroad walk or visiting a swimming hole on Fields Lane. The stargazing even will occur in September, just need to pick a date.

Tom updated us on the status of the Jericho Green and the trees. The Town Library and the Board of Trustees want significant action on the green to take place to revitalize it.

Josh reminded us of his email from May 10th regarding the idea about a sign contest to choose a personalized sign for posting wildlife crossings around town. Josh received some quotes from a company that makes road signs and said he would forward this information to us in an email. This was Josh's final meeting before heading off to Alaska for the summer.

Next meeting scheduled for June 8th